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(c) The subsidy granted to each district board towards the cost of maintenance of secondary schools under it represents the amount paid to it in 1929–30 with an addition of 5 per cent.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, the answer to this question does not make the matter clear. May I know whether the subsidy given to each school represents any definite percentage of the net cost of the school? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It represented half the net cost till the year 1929–30. In that year it was converted into a lump sum grant with an additional 5 per cent. The average of the subsidies of the previous three years was taken and that with an additional 50 per cent was paid as a lump sum grant."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" If the district boards open new high schools and middle schools, may I know what the policy of the Government is with regard to paying subsidies to those schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" As a matter of fact, the Government Order states that if, district boards open new high schools and middle schools, they will not get grants."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the hon. the Minister to reconsider the policy of the Government with regard to subsidies when they find that schools have been opened in backward tracts? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is not possible in these days of financial stringency."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Are the Government aware that there are a number of schools opened some years ago to which the Government give no subsidy at all? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Were they opened subsequent to the year 1929–30? "

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Prior to 1929–30."

Conversion of Municipal Muslim schools into Government institutions.

* 268 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muslim middle schools managed by municipalities and the amount granted to each such institution every year;

(b) the actual amount spent in addition by each municipality every year; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from any municipality to convert its schools into Government institutions?

A.—(a) & (b) There are three Muslim middle schools under the management of municipal councils. The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables appended to Volume II

of the Annual Report on Public Instruction, which show the amounts given as grants for these schools and the amounts spent by the municipal councils.

(c) No.

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" In view of the fact that there are only three Muslim middle schools, will the Government consider the advisability of converting them into Government schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It is not possible now."

Inadequacy of accommodation in the Government Girls' High School, Salem.

* 269 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received by the Government regarding the inadequacy of accommodation in the Government Girls' High School at Salem;

(b) whether there are proposals to construct a new building for that school; and

(c) if so, when and in which locality the building is to be constructed?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 802 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on March 25th last.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether any rented building has been taken up to meet the inadequacy of accommodation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

List of schoolless centres for the future location of girls' schools.

* 270 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a list of schoolless centres in respect of each taluk for the consideration of location of girls' schools;

(b) when that list was prepared, by whom and on what basis;

(c) whether the presidents of taluk boards have been consulted when the list was prepared;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints that the list was defective and it is to be revised from a practical point of view; and

(e) what the Government propose to do in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The lists were prepared in 1928, 1929 and 1930 by the Director of Public Instruction on information submitted